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In Re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s): Takuhiro KONDO et al.

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**INFORMATION  
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STATEMENT AND  
CERTIFICATION**

July 31, 2006

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Madam:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement submitted in compliance with the timing requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), i.e. prior to a first Office Action on the merits.

Attached is a copy of a Japanese patent publication, which was cited in the attached European Office Communication dated May 9, 2006. Also attached is an English-language abstract of the publication from which any relevance of the publication can be gleaned. The publication is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

It is brought to the Examiner's attention that US patent number 5,070,284, which also was cited in the European Office Communication, was previously listed on the Form PTO-1449 filed on December 2, 2004, with the filing of the IDS, and, therefore is not listed in this Information Disclosure Statement.

It is hereby certified that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is required, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 are deemed to be fully met as to all listed documents. Consideration of the listed document is respectfully requested.

Should any fee be required, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 18-0002, and notify us accordingly.

Respectfully submitted,

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